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(D) HORAN-TWINAN LETTER 5/6/72

1. DURING AMBASSADOR THACHER'S FAREWELL CALL ON ROYAL COUNSELOR RASHAD PHARAON SEPT. 16, PHARAON SAID THAT KING FAISAL AND SHIKH ZAYID HAD HAD PRIVATE MEETINGS IN ALGIERS DURING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO PHARAON, SHAIKH ZAYID HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC DEMARCHE, BUT STRESSED TO KING THAT "HE SOUGHT ONLY COMPLETE AMITY BETWEEN TWO SIDES AND WOULD GIVE HIS FULL AGREEMENT TO ANYTHING HIS MAJESTY DESIRED." FAISAL SUPPOSEDLY NOTED THAT SAG HAD NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN RESPONSE TO SAUDI PROPOSAL OF MAY 5, 1970, AND SUGGESTED WRITTEN RESPONSE MIGHT BE GOOD WAY OF GETTING

DIALOGUE MOVING ONCE AGAIN.

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2. SUBSEQUENTLY PHARAON APPROACHED IN ALGIERS BY

EMIR OF QATAR WHO INQUIRED AS TO LIMITS OF SAG'S
NEGOTIATING STANCE ON SABKHAT MATTI. (PER SAUDI MAY 5
PROPOSAL, WHOLE OF SABKHAT MATTI SAID TO LIE WITHIN
SAUDI TERRITORY.) SAUDI WAS TO OFFER TO DIVIDE
SABKHAT MATTI EVENLY BETWEEN TWO SIDES, PROVIDED
THIS WOULD GIVE SAG UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE SEA.
PHARAON HOPED THAT THIS MOVE BY SAUDIS COULD CONTRIBUTE
TO IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH UAE.
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